

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1662 – HB 1687**

February 12, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits as a defense to bribery of a public servant that the person who sought to influence the public official took action on behalf of a public or private organization, corporation, union, agency, or other entity, for the purpose of organizing a campaign or for any other lawful purpose.

Broadens the offense of extortion to include using coercion upon another person with the intent to impair a business, a union, or the owners or employees of a business from the free exercise or enjoyment of any constitutional right for the purpose of obtaining something of value.

Redefines “riot” under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-301 to mean a disturbance involving an assemblage of three or more people “whether or not participating in any otherwise lawful activity, such as a union or employee organized event”.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012462):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and rewrites the bill. Only change is adding impairment of the owners or employees of a union to the extortion statute.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact their caseloads.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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